

**Senior Advisory Committee
Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Co-Chairs Sandra Kelly and Gail Pierce; Members-Betsey DeMaggio, Deborah Martin, Linda Spak, Ann Henault. Also present were Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers, and for the recording of the minutes, Bonny Ryan.
Members Dorothy Graham, Susie Wright and Sandra Hopf were absent. Sandra Hopf arrived at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 9:30 p.m.

1. Public Input

There was no public input.

2. Approve minutes of meeting July 21, 2015

Ann Henault moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 seconded by Betsey DeMaggio.
Ayes 6(Kelly, Pierce, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault) Nays 0 Absent 3(Graham, Wright, Hopf)

3. Report of Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers.

Senior Coordinator Rogers reported on the following:

- Tai-Chi is going strong and covering costs - \$795.00 had been collected
- Balance and strength training was running 2 times a week and participation was growing.
- Gentiva Hospice gave a well attended lecture on the difference between hospice and palliative care. This prompted a discussion about Home care and housing for care givers.
- There will be a workshop for Alzheimer caregivers on Sat. Sept. 19 at the Community Center.
- AARP Driver's safety course was a success and they would like to do it again.
- Sue Black's lyme disease presentation and request for funding and putting the Senior Advisory's name on the presentation. It was decided that this was not in the Senior Advisory's charge to do so.
- There will be presentations on Alzheimers, Parkinsons Disease and memory loss in the fall.

4. Discuss and act on salary increase for Senior Coordinator (This discussion may be held in closed session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law §42-46-5(a)(1) for the discussion of job performance.)

Ms. Anna Christina Rogers requested that this be held in open session. She currently makes \$14.50 per hour and is requesting \$23.00 per hour. After much discussion and input from Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Sandra Kelly will go over her notes from the budget hearing and propose a recommendation to the Town Council.

5. Update of mental health resources available

This item was tabled because Gloria Redlich was doing research on this at was not at the meeting.

6. Discuss and act on Life Line

Linda Spak had spoken with Dr. Clark about this and will continue her discussion with him.

7. Update and status of “Notify Now”

Sandra Kelly had no new information.

8. Discuss and act on Safe Drive Course

This was already mentioned in the report of the Senior Coordinator.

9. Revisit needs for handicapped access: Parking, restaurants, beach access.

Alyssa Gleason will be sending Sandra Hopf the standards for ADA for the next meeting.

10. Update on activities:

- Block Island Bulletin Board – 5352 postings; 746 participants
- Soup Group – Ms. Martin reported that numbers vary through the summer.
- Chair Aerobics – going strong

At 11:20 with no further business to discuss Ms. Spak moved to adjourn seconded by Ms. Kelly and voted unanimously

Minutes accepted: September 15, 2015

Bonny Ryan